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SPEECH BY THE PREMIER, HON. DON DUNSTAN, Q.C., M.P., AT THE
OPENING OF THE ROD BREAKDOWN PLANT OF CAMELEC LTD.
CAMDEN PARK, WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1967.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES, OTHER DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS, GENTLEMEN :

THANK YOU, MR. GALL, FOR THE WELCOME YOU HAVE
EXTENDED TO ME AND YOUR INVITATION TO SET IN OPERATION THIS
NEW BREAKDOWN PLANT ESTABLISHED BY CAMELEC LIMITED.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO OFFICIATE AT THIS CEREMONY
TODAY BECAUSE HERE AT CAMELEC LIMITED, WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT
EXAMPLE OF THE FACT THAT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES. IN CAMELEC
LIMITED, WE HAVE A COMPANY WHICH WAS FOUNDED ONLY IN 1948 AND
COMMENCED OPERATIONS AT THIS CAMDEN PARK SITE IN JANUARY, 1950.
IN THAT SHORT SPACE OF TIME, THE COMPANY HAS DEVELOPED TO A
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IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR OF MORE THAN \$5M. WORTH OF OUTPUT.
THIS IS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AS THE FOUNDER
OF THIS COMPANY CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD. IT IS AN INDICATION OF
THE FACT THAT OPPORTUNITIES STILL EXIST IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR
THE LAUNCHING OF NEW UNDERTAKINGS.

THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IS NOT CONFINED
TO OLD ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES, AND SUCCESS STILL AWAITS INDUS-
TRIAL ENTERPRISES WHICH ARE PREPARED TO TAKE THE ADVANTAGE OF
GROWING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. THIS IS WHAT
CAMELEC LIMITED HAVE DONE OVER THE PAST 17 YEARS AND I AM SURE
IT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW WITH THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR STATE.

AS IS THE CASE WITH A NUMBER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
INDUSTRIES, THE COMPANY COMMENCED TO PRODUCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY AND HAS SINCE EXPANDED ITS ACTIVITIES OVER
A WIDER FIELD OF PRODUCTS.

IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA I BELIEVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUCH THAT WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF GREAT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. OUR NATURAL GASFIELDS AND THE RECENT ASSURANCES OF LARGE RESERVES OF NATURAL GAS WILL SURELY STIMULATE THE RATE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. THERE IS EVIDENCE AT HAND OF AN ACTIVE INTEREST BY INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA FOR THE PROMOTION OF ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIES. IN FACT I EXPECT TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT THIS EVENING CONCERNING A DECISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAJOR NEW INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU MADE A REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT INDUSTRIES IN AUSTRALIA OPERATE IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET AND ARE CONSCIOUS OF RISING COSTS. MAY I ASSURE YOU AND ALL OTHER INDUSTRIALISTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS

ALERT TO THE NEED TO MINIMISE COST INCREASES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO INCREASE CERTAIN CHARGES, WE HAVE TAKEN CARE THAT INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS NOT BEEN BURDENED WITH EXTRA TAXATION TO THE EXTENT THAT HAS OCCURRED RECENTLY BOTH IN THE EASTERN STATES AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA. I CAN ASSURE YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF MY DEPARTMENT WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION WITH INDUSTRIALISTS TO ESTABLISH WAYS AND MEANS OF ADVANCING INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE, AND MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN TO INDUSTRIALISTS TO DISCUSS ANY PROSPECT OF ADVANCING INDUSTRY WITHIN THE STATE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

I COMPLIMENT ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE OUTSTANDING PROGRESS OF CAMELEC LIMITED SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

IT HAS PROGRESSED BECAUSE OF THE RECOGNITION OF ITS MANAGEMENT OF THE NEED TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE MARKETS AVAILABLE TO IT, AND THE NEW PLANT TO BE COMMISSIONED TODAY IS EVIDENCE OF THE COMPANY'S INTENTION TO ENSURE THAT THE LATEST EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY WITH A HIGH STANDARD OF PRODUCTS.

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